

AMENDMENTS

Claim 1 (currently amended) A method of dyeing synthetic material, said method comprising the steps of:

- internally dyeing a polymeric material by introducing a colorant into a melt of said polymeric material;
- forming a structure, said colorant providing a base color shade for said structure;
- assembling a fabric from said structure;
- externally dyeing said fabric to form a final color shade on said fabric.

Claim 2 (cancelled)

Claim 3 (previously amended) The method set forth in claim 1, wherein said base color shade provides between 70% and 90% of the total depth of color of said final color shade.

Claim 4 (previously amended) The method set forth in claim 1, wherein the step of internally dyeing further includes the addition of an ultraviolet stabilizing agent into said polymeric material.

Claim 5 (currently amended) A method of dyeing synthetic material, said method comprising the steps of:

internally dyeing a polymeric material by introducing a colorant into a melt of said polymeric material, said colorant providing a base color shade for said polymeric material;
producing yarn from said internally dyed polymeric material; and
externally dyeing said yarn to form a final color shade thereon.

Claim 6 (cancelled)

Claim 7 (previously amended) The method set forth in claim 5, wherein the step of internally dyeing further includes the addition of an ultraviolet stabilizing agent to said polymeric material.

Claim 8 (previously amended) The method set forth in claim 1, wherein said base color shade provides between 70% and 90% of the total depth of color of said final color shade.

Claim 9 (previously amended) A fabric treated in accordance with claim 1.

Claim 10 (cancelled)

Claim 11 (previously amended) A fabric treated in accordance with claim 3.

Claim 12 (previously amended) A fabric treated in accordance with claim 4.

Claim 13 (previously amended) A fabric treated in accordance with claim 5.

Claim 14 (cancelled)

Claim 15 (previously amended) A fabric treated in accordance with claim 7.

Claim 16 (previously amended) A fabric treated in accordance with claim 8.